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SUBJECT: CASAROLI TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF: ROME 1672

CASAROLI PERSONALLY CONFIRMED TO US FEB 5 THAT AT END OF
FEBRUARY HE WILL VISIT PRAGUE WHERE HE WILL BE GUEST OF FOREIGN MINIS-
TER. HE STRESSED THAT HE WOULD ONLY BE GOING FOR TALKS
AND NOT NEGOTIATIONS, AS LATTER WOULD BE LEFT IN HANDS OF
ARCHBISHOP POGGI, VATICAN SPECIALIST ON EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.
CASAROLI COMMENTED THAT WHEN HE AND POPE PAUL RECENTLY DISCUSSED
THE ADVISABILITY OF ACCEPTING GOC INVITATION TO VISIT
PRAGUE, POPE SAID IT WOULD BE BEST TO ACCEPT AS CHURCH SHOULD
NEVER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNILATERALLY BREAKING OFF DIALOGUE.
CASAROLI SAID HE AND POPE BOTH SAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF FORWARD
MOVEMENT AS RESULT OF VISIT. VOLPE

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